



AMENDMENT	Application #	08/981,665
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In response to the Final Rejection dated February 24, 2006, and in conjunction with the RCE filed herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows.

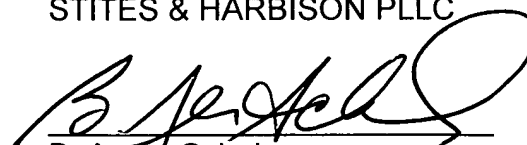
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

Remarks to this Amendment are provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

A **Declaration under 37 U.S.C. §1.132 of Keith Palmer** is also attached hereto.

In light of the present amendments and submissions, and explained further in the attached Remarks, Applicants submit that the present application overcomes all prior rejections and is in condition for immediate allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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